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**Amendment Transmittal Letter
Application No. 10/079,293**

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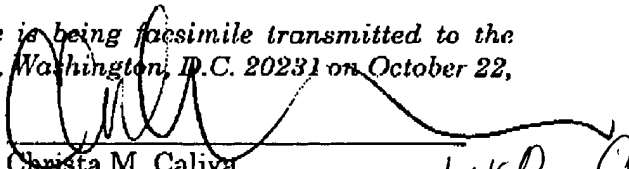
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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In the Claims:

01 FC:1201 84.00 CH
02 FC:1202 36.00 CH new claims 9-22 as follows:

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1. A method for forming a cylindrical cutting element body of a predetermined diameter having a canted end surface, the method comprising the steps of:

forming a cylindrical work piece having a central axis and a diameter twice the predetermined diameter and a convex protrusion extending from an end of the cylindrical work piece; and

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